Finance advisors in the Ministry of Agriculture

4295. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Joint Secretaries and Finance Advisors working in the Ministry of Agriculture on the strength of Ministry of Finance;

(b) whether it is a fact that in other Ministries only one Joint Secretary and Finance Advisor is posted even though these are much bigger as compared to Ministry of Agriculture;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there are any proposal to abolish the post of one Joint Secretary and Finance Advisor in Ministry of Agriculture to save the extra expenditure of Government and also to maintain the parity between the Ministries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Financial Adviser in the rank of Joint Secretary is looking after the finance advice work of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and Animal Husbandry & Dairying. The Financial Adviser of the rank of Additional Secretary is looking after the finance advice work of the Department of Agriculture Research & Education and Ministries of Planning, Statistics & Programme Implementation and Food Processing Industries.

(b) and (c) Most of the Financial Advisers look after the finance advice work of more than one Ministry/Department. 28 Financial Advisers are looking after the finance advice work of more than 70 Ministries/Departments, etc.

(d) No, Sir.

Economic assistance to UTI

†4296. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently Unit Trust of India has sought economic assistance of Rs. 1500 crores from Government to cover up its losses;

(b) if not, the details in this regard; and

(c) the decision so far taken by Government to fulfil this demand?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.